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Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in §1.97(b) but to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by §1.17(p).

A copy of the listed documents is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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